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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Hiroshi SHINOKI, et at.	Group:	1634
Serial No.:	09/706,405	Examiner:	S. HOUTTEMAN
Filed:	November 3, 2000	Customer No.:	026418
For:	FIXATION OF NUCLEOTIDE DERIVATIVES TO SOLID CARRIER		

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY**

Sir:

Further to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed April 9, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

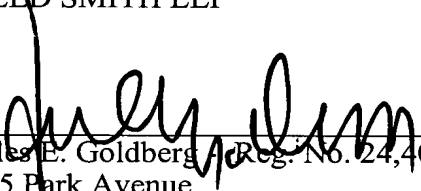
- (1) a copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply; and
- (2) a Supplemental Amendment deleting the previously submitted sequence listing and substituting therefor a corrected sequence listing along with a computer readable form copy of the corrected sequence listing.

With the filing of these documents, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for further examination and prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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